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the Brandenburg surveying service subdivided, the surveying service was now has under its control these four regional offices: Regional Office North in Schwerin, R.O. East in Dresden, R.O. South in Halle, and R.O. West in Eisenach. The office building of the Brandenburg surveying service at 103 Heinrich Mann-Allee, Potsdam was taken over by the East German geodetic service which previously had headquarters at 15, Erich Zeigner Allee, Leipzig W 31.

- During the first three months of 1955, a course was held in Bad Freienwalde which was attended by 120 students from all parts of East Germany. It served the purpose of acquainting them with the use of a new leveling instrument, and distance and altitude surveys were carried out in experimental areas. The students attending this course subsequently were assigned to eighteen 6-man groups under the orders of a group leader who was responsible for the practical surveying work in the field and the handling of the instrument which had been developed by VEB Carl Zeiss Jena. The eighteen groups were informed that they had been formed for a new surveying task with a view to an adaptation to the Soviet grid net, and that such altitude surveys usually would be carried out every 20 years in order to record geological changes. Invar-type stadia rods 80 meters apart were used to determine the difference of altitude with this leveling method.
- 3. In January 1955, the topographical section of the Brandenburg surveying service had been assigned new tasks and therefore was scheduled to be increased. Special entries on the plane table sheet's and the 1:100,000 maps had to be made, including the mapping of the load of small bridges and the indication of the age of the trees and their respective height and size of their trunks for each forest subarea. The entries were to be made in German and Russian. Beginning on 10 January 1955, surveying specialists had been detailed from the existing surveying groups which, as a rule, used to be employed rather than in the topographical section during the cold season.
- In early 1955, an employee of the Hauptverwaltung (HV) Vermessungs und Kartenwesen (Main Administration, Surveying and Mapping Service) stated that, on the orders of Interior Minister the resurveying program for East Germany had been redrafted and that the surveying operations in the whole of East Germany were to be

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